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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-36 are pending. Restriction has been required among the following four groups: Group I (claims 1-5); Group II (claims 6-13); Group III (claims 14-29); Group IV (claims 30-36). Applicants hereby elect claims Group III (claims 14-29) for further prosecution on the merits at this time, without traverse.

In the October 3, 2003 Office Action/Restriction Requirement, the Examiner states that a telephone call was made to the undersigned, but that the telephone call did not result in an election being made. On October 2, 2003, the undersigned left a telephone voice mail with Examiner John Follansbee informing him of applicants' election of Group III, and it appears that the written Restriction Requirement was being mailed at the same time as the voice mail was being received. This written election memorializes the election of Group III that was made by telephone on October 2, 2003.

A listing of claims has been provided, reflecting that claims 1-13 and 30-36 are being withdrawn from consideration.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely notice of allowance as to the elected claims be issued in this case.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Ullman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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